

Campaign Finance

● **STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION**

Each candidate who received contributions or expenditures of more than five hundred dollars in connection with a campaign for public office shall designate in writing a political committee.

● **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT**

Each political committee who has filed a Statement of Organization shall file Campaign Finance reports setting forth the committee's receipts and disbursements of all money or anything of value.

● **NO ACTIVITY STATEMENT**

A candidate that did not receive contributions and made no expenditures during any reporting period may in lieu of a financial report, file a statement indicating "No Activity" during the specific filing period.

● **\$500 THRESHOLD EXEMPTION STATEMENT**

A candidate that intends to accept contributions or make expenditures of more than two hundred fifty dollars but less than five hundred dollars or make more than five hundred dollars in expenditures or does not intend to receive or expend more than five hundred dollars may file a \$500 Threshold Exception Statement.

● **TERMINATION STATEMENT**

A candidate that wishes to dissolve their committee shall file a Termination Statement certifying that the candidate campaign committee will no longer receive any contributions or make disbursements, that the committee has no outstanding debts or obligations and that surplus monies have been disposed of pursuant to A.R.S. §16-915.01.

● **FILING OFFICER**

All financial reports are to be filed with:

Yuma County Election Services
198 S. Main Street
Yuma, AZ 85364
928-373-1014

● **FILING DATES**

All financial reports shall be filed by 5:00 p.m. of the last day during the appropriate filing period. Any report received after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing will be considered late and subject to civil penalties as prescribed in A.R.S. §16-918.

● **CIVIL PENALTIES FOR LATE FILERS**

Any public office or officer, local public office or officer or candidate who violates the requirements for campaign finance reporting is subject to a civil penalty of \$10.00 - \$25.00 for each business day of noncompliance with the law, but not more than \$1,000.00 may be imposed as prescribed in A.R.S. §16-924 and §16-918 of campaign finance laws.



Campaign Finance Filing Fees

Remember- if your campaign finance reports are not filed by the deadlines listed below you must pay the late filing fee before the report can be accepted by Election Services.

The late filing fee starts out at \$10 for each business day the report is late from the date the report is due until the 15th day after you received notice that you did not file on time. Then the fine increases to \$25 a day until it reaches a maximum of \$1000.

Election Services cannot, by law, accept a late report without full payment of the late fee. (A.R.S. §16-924 and §16-918)

\$500 Threshold Exemption Filers



- A committee that does not exceed its five hundred dollar threshold, **MUST** file to Terminate at the end of the election cycle for which it was formed, shall file a termination statement as prescribed by section 16-914 and shall dispose of any surplus monies as otherwise provided by law.
- A committee that fails to file a termination statement within 90 days after the end of the election cycle for which it was formed, shall pay a civil penalty of \$100.

Filing Deadlines



2014 AUGUST/NOVEMBER REGULAR ELECTIONS

DUE BETWEEN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | JANUARY 31 REPORT - For Period of
November 27, 2012 through December 31, 2013 | January 1, 2014 and January 31, 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | JUNE 30 REPORT - For Period of
January 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014 | June 1, 2014 and June 30, 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PRE-PRIMARY ELECTION REPORT - For Period of
June 1, 2014 through August 14, 2014 | August 15, 2014 and August 22, 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | POST-PRIMARY ELECTION REPORT - For Period of
August 15, 2014 through September 15, 2014 | September 16, 2014 and September 25, 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PRE-GENERAL ELECTION REPORT - For Period of
September 16, 2014 through October 23, 2014 | October 24, 2014 and October 31, 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | POST-GENERAL ELECTION REPORT - For Period of
November 25, 2014 through December 31, 2015 | November 25, 2014 and December 4, 2014 |

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS



2013-2014 Election Cycles

Issued 10/25/2013

CONTRIBUTION LIMITS CPI ADJUSTED January 28, 2013

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 16-905(H)

2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

<i>Revised pursuant to Laws 2013, Chapter 98</i>	LOCAL candidate per election
Individual may give	\$2,500
Political Committee may give	\$2,500
Committee certified by the Secretary of State to give at increased limit ("Super PAC") may give	\$5,000

2014 GENERAL ELECTION

<i>Revised pursuant to Laws 2013, Chapter 98</i>	LOCAL candidate per election
Individual may give	\$2,500
Political Committee may give	\$2,500
Committee certified by the Secretary of State to give at increased limit ("Super PAC") may give	\$5,000

Office Revision 10/27/2013

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Contribution limits are currently subject to litigation. Candidates are responsible for accepting only up to the legal maximum pursuant to law and candidates should check with their election official as to the law's status.